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FROM: ALUSNA CARACAS

TO: Secretary of State

NO: DTG 212030Z NOVEMBER (NAVY MESSAGE)

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A. CNO 202207Z; B. CINCARIB 191930Z; C. AMEMB CARACAS ACTION
STATE 580 NOTAL; D. DEPT STATE MIAC CIRCULAR 790 OCT 29.

1. AFTER RECEIPT OF REF D AMBASSADOR ASKED ALUSNA TO DISCUSS
INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY WITH VEN CNO THE ATTITUDE OF VEN
NAVAL OFFICIALS TOWARDS BASING SHIPS IN VEN PORTS IN SUPPORT
OF QUARANTINE OPERATION SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY.

2. ON 16 NOV ALUSNA DISCUSSED WITH RADM GAMEZ, COPS VEN NAVY
WITH CONCURRENCE OF RADM USCA, CNO VEN NAVY AS TO WHAT WOULD
BE THEIR UNOFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD BASING US SHIPS IN
VENEZUELAN PORTS WITH OR WITHOUT SUPPORTING TENDERS IN SUPPORT
OF THE QUARANTINE OPERATION. ALUSNA ASSURED GAMEZ THAT THIS
WAS ONLY INFO AVAIL AT PRESENT, THAT THIS WAS AN UNOFFICIAL
QUERY, AND THAT ALUSNA KNEW OF NO PLANS FOR SUCH A MOVE.
GAMEZ REPLIED FOL:

A. VEN NAVY AT PRESENT HAS NO OBJECTION UNOFFICIALLY AT THIS
TIME BUT THAT NATURALLY THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN
UP OFFICIALLY BETWEEN US AND VENEZUELAN GOVTS AND WOULD
CONSULT WITH VEN MINDEF AND CNO. HE ALSO REMINDED ALUSNA
THAT AT PRESENT VEN GOVT REGS ARE THAT NOT MORE THAN 3
DESTROYERS OR EQUIVALENT ARE PERMITTED TO VISIT VENEZUELA
EVERY 3 MONTHS, BUT SHOULD EMERGENCIES ARISE, IT WOULD

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UNDOUBTEDLY BE POSSIBLE TO GET A FAST CLEARANCE FOR US SHIP
TO ENTER VEN PORTS.

2. THAT HE, GAMEZ, TO POSITIVE THAT VEN GOVT WOULD NOT IN
ANY CONDITIONS DISCLOSE BASE-LEASE AGREEMENTS OF ANY COUNTRY
AND THAT NAVY WOULD BACK VEN GOVT ON THIS POINT, BUT HE
REITERATED THAT UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS HE WAS SURE THAT
SHIPS COULD BE BASED IN VENEZUELA INDEFINITELY IN SUPPORT OF
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUT THAT UNDOUBTEDLY NEGOTIATIONS FOR
SUCH A MOVE WOULD TAKE TIME AND WOULD BE INITIATED AT THE
CIVIL, NOT MILITARY, LEVEL.

3. ALUSIA REPLIED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT BASE-LEASE
AGREEMENTS AND THAT ABOVE WOULD BE FACED TO US AMBASSADOR.
CONVERSATION WITH GAMEZ LASTED 15 MINUTES.

4. COMUSMILGP, CHNAPKIS, CAPT W. A. WALKER, JON, AND W. E. DALL
AMBASSADOR HAVE SEEN.

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